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1. Applicant has advanced three arguments in support of the instant application.

They are:

- a. The different materials employed in the Hammar and Poler teach away from the combination and render the prior art references unsuitable for their intended purpose.
 - b. Poler does not teach a “controlled application of physical force”.
 - c. Poler’s lenses are attached to each other and not to the sheet.
2. Regarding the first argument, although Hammar employs hydrogels and Poler discloses the use of transparent plastic, the combination does not render either reference unsuitable for its intended purpose, since hydrogels are similarly biologically inert and can be made relatively more or less hard as needed by the specific application. This argument is not persuasive.
3. Regarding the second argument, Poler teaches accelerating ions towards the surface of the film. Since ions are understood to have mass, this meets the limitation claimed. This argument is not persuasive.
4. Regarding the third argument, although Poler regards the lens and haptic structure as parts of an integral whole, it is difficult to consider the haptic structure to be the lens, since it does not perform any of the corrective functions of a lens. This argument is not persuasive.

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